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## **KBI releases Kansas crime statistics for 2018**

TOPEKA – The Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI) released the [2018 Kansas Crime Index Report](#). The report compiles crime statistics reported to the KBI by state and local law enforcement agencies across Kansas.

### *Violent crime analysis*

The *2018 Kansas Crime Index Report* indicated that violent crime in Kansas continues to trend upward. In 2018, 12,367 violent crimes were reported in Kansas. This represents an overall increase of 5.3% in the violent crime categories of murder, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault/battery. The violent crime rate is currently 16.5% above the 10-year average.

In 2018, contributing to the overall violent crime increase was a 10.9% increase in reported rapes and a 7.8% increase in aggravated assaults, compared to 2017 numbers. While these increases are concerning, the report suggests the rise in crime that Kansas has experienced since 2014 may be starting to slow. For instance, murder and robbery declined in 2018, compared to the prior year. Across the state 146 murders occurred, significantly fewer than the 176 murders in 2017, when the murder rate reached the highest in a decade. Robberies also decreased by 8.5% in 2018.

### *Property crime analysis*

According to the 2018 crime report, total property crime offenses in Kansas declined by 2.0%. Both burglary and theft decreased compared to 2017. Motor vehicle theft, by contrast, increased for the fourth year in a row.

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## Multi-year Index Crime Comparison

Part I Crimes		10 Yr. Average	2015	2016	% Change	2016	2017	% Change	2017	2018	% Change
VIOLENT CRIME	Murder	127	132	148	12.1	148	176	18.9	176	146	-17.0
	Rape	1,119	1,146	1,125	-1.8	1,125	1,214	7.9	1,214	1,346	10.9
	Robbery	1,586	1,760	1,693	-3.8	1,693	1,747	3.2	1,747	1,599	-8.5
	Aggravated Assault/Battery	7,779	7,555	8,075	6.9	8,075	8,605	6.6	8,605	9,276	7.8
	Total Violent Offenses	10,611	10,593	11,041	4.2	11,041	11,742	6.3	11,742	12,367	5.3
	Violent Crime Rate/1,000	3.6	3.6	3.7	2.8	3.7	4.0	8.1	4.0	4.2	5.0
PROPERTY CRIME	Burglary	15,973	15,151	13,620	-10.1	13,620	13,392	-1.7	13,392	12,459	-7.0
	Theft	59,694	56,100	58,377	4.1	58,377	59,725	2.3	59,725	58,885	-1.4
	Motor Vehicle Theft	6,923	6,743	7,552	12.0	7,552	8,232	9.0	8,232	8,351	1.4
	Total Property Offenses	82,590	77,994	79,549	2.0	79,549	81,349	2.3	81,349	79,695	-2.0
	Property Crime Rate/1,000	28.3	26.4	26.8	1.5	26.8	27.5	2.6	27.5	27.2	-1.1
	Arson	724	653	597	-8.6	597	599	0.3	599	624	4.2

Find the full 2018 Kansas Crime Index report [here](#):

NOTE: Data from the Kansas Crime Index report is derived from standard offense and arrest reports submitted to the Kansas Incident Based Reporting System (KIBRS) by local law enforcement agencies across Kansas. It is dependent on victims reporting crimes. The report is compiled to provide a historical assessment and snapshot of crime trends. It is often not possible to draw further interpretations or conclusions from the data. The KBI cautions against using data to make direct comparisons between jurisdictions. Often these comparisons are not valid as the factors influencing crime vary widely between communities.

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